(*b*) Only persons with the requisite qualification and experience in the P. W. D. are appointed to the post and their work so far has been satisfactory.

(*c*) This was the arrangement prior to the creation of a separate Irrigation Division. As it was not satisfactory, the Government do not consider it necessary to revert to it.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* What was the nature of the experience that they have after passing out of the College and sitting awhile in the Engineer's Office?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Of Course. He has very good experience. He has been serving in the P. W. D. for, I think, 8 to 10 years and he has been working up some schemes connected with Hydraulics and irrigation. He was also working as Boiler Inspector for some time. He has the necessary qualifications and experience.

ARTICLES STOLEN FROM THE WHARF—NUMBER OF THEFT CASES REGISTERED IN ERNAKULAM AND MATTANCHERI

140. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of theft cases registered in the Mattancheri and Ernakulam Town Police Stations connected with certain articles stolen from the wharf of Port Office or other godowns on the Willingdon Island in 1942 till 1st October 1942;

(*b*) the names of the accused in each case;

(*c*) whether house searches were conducted in certain cases and articles were recovered;

(*d*) names of the owners of houses searched;

(*e*) whether first class offences were registered in any of these cases;

(*f*) if so, the accused in each of these cases;

(*g*) the total amount of money involved in each of the cases registered above in (*a*);

(*h*) whether some of the 1st class cases have been converted into 2nd class;

(*i*) if so, what are those cases;

(*j*) the names of the Police Sub-Inspectors who detected such cases;

(*k*) how many such cases were (1) convicted before the end of September (2) acquitted and (3) pending in Courts and the names of Courts?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) **Mattancheri Town Police Station**—Five cases.

Ernakulam Town Police Station—Three cases under Crime No. 164/17.

(*b*) **Mattancheri Town Police Station**—Crime No. 105/17, Ariattuparambil Cheekku. son of Kakku of Palluruthi South. (2) Crime No. 106/17, F. F. Morris of British Cochin. (3) Crime No. 139/17 no accused since the case was reported as undetectable. (4) Crime No. 14/18, Thaliyathil Kelan Velayudhan of Vennala, Travancore. (5) Crime No. 30/18, C. C. Ranganayakulu of Madras.

Ernakulam Town Police Station—(1) V. Sankarankutty Menon. (2) P. Gouthaman. (3) J. Ekambara Mudaliar.

(*c*) **Mattancheri Town Police Station**—No houses were searched.

Ernakulam Town Police Station—'Sub-Judice'.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*c*).

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*e*).

(*g*) **Mattancheri Town Police Station**—Crime No. 105/17, A cotton veil worth Rs. 8. (2) Crime No. 106/17, A whisky bottle worth Rs. 18-3-0. (3) Crime No. 139/17, Apricots worth Rs. 20. (4) Crime No. 14/18, Copper blister worth Rs. 3. (5) Crime No. 30/18, Two pieces of bar soap worth annas 6.

Ernakulam Town Police Station—Articles worth Rs. 300.

(*h*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*e*).

(*i*) Do.

(*j*) **Mattancheri Town Police Station**—(1) C. S. P. No. 22, (2) C. S. P. No. 5, (3) Embarkation Commandant, (4) C. S. P. No. 16 and (5) The Ordnance Officer, Willingdon Island.

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Ernakulam Town Police Station—Sub-Inspector—Gopalakrishnan.

(*k*) **Mattancheri Town Police Station**—Crime No. 105/17—Convicted. (2) Crime No. 106/17—Discharged. (3) Crime No. 139/17—Reported undetectable.

(1) One. (2) One. Another case was reported undetectable. (3) Two in the Cochin Second Class Magistrate's Court and one in the Kanayannur Magistrate's Court.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know how does it happen that the reply to the question "whether house-searches were conducted in certain cases" is in the jurisdiction of the Ernakulam Town Police Station alone become subjudice? In Mattancheri Town Police Station no houses were searched and at Ernakulam it is stated to be subjudice. Whether house-searches were made or not is the only question.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: No house-searches were made in Mattancheri. So the answer was "No". At Ernakulam searches were made and the matter is subjudice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Searches were made in the Ernakulam Town and so in view of that answer will the Government be pleased to reconsider their reply for the sub-division (*d*)? The answer to sub-division (*d*) is "does not arise in view of answer to (*c*)". You replied in answer to (*c*) that houses were searched in the jurisdiction of the Ernakulam Town Police Station. So you have admitted that house searches were made. If that lies will you be pleased to answer sub-division (*d*)?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: That aspect of the answer is covered by the answer 'subjudice'.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Will the Government be pleased to state whether search lists were prepared and whether these search lists will not be available to the Public for obtaining copies.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: The matter has been stated to be subjudice. Any further discussion is out of place.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: It was stated in the papers that the amount involved was 3 lakhs.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: Any such story will amount to contempt of court.

SMUGGLING OF SUGAR CANE TO TRAVANCORE—ARREST OF A VILLAGE PARVATHYAM—PARTICULARS OF

141. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether a village Parvathyam of Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk was arrested in the month of Vrischigam or Dhanu for smuggling sugar cane to Travancore from our State by the officers of the Excise Department;

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to state as to the stage in which that case stands now?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The charge was withdrawn on 8th Kumbham 1118/20th February 1943.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know the reason for withdrawing the charge?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: A representation was made to the Government by the accused person and the Government considered that that was a fit case to be withdrawn.

Irrigation Board—Election of Members

Mr. President: The Nomination Papers to the Election of members to the Irrigation Board will be received by the Secretary to the Council before 5 p.m. tomorrow.

Condolence Motion—Demise of Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura)*: Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar was elected a member of this Council in 1100 from the then Kanayannur Constituency which comprised the Town of Trippunittura and its suburbs. He was thus the first elected representative of this

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